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1. Tank units with about 350 tanks were located at the troop training grounds near WERDER (N 53/E 79) in early September 1949. Most of the tanks were parked at the former bomb target range of MARKENDORF (N 52/E 78) and on Holbeckerweg, where ammunition and fuel was stored. A general, who was billeted in HEIDENHOF, was CO of the troops.

2. Accompanying infantry units, riding on tanks or moving on three-axle trucks, were observed in the field exercises of tank units.

3. Motor vehicle traffic was light in the HEIDENHOF-MARKENDORF area but towards CHARLOTTEFELDE (N 52/E 89) was heavy. The trucks [REDACTED] entering to [REDACTED]

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Three cantonments with about five hundred 30x50 foot cantonment buildings were located in the WERDER area. Each building was occupied by about 60 troops. The buildings, built in a rather primitive way, were connected by water pipes with a HEIDENHOF pumping station (about 1/2 mile west of the MARKENDORF water tower). The required water mains and drainage facilities were dismantled at the MARKENDORF (N 53/E 80) artillery range. Five bakeries and five kitchens were located in the cantonment area.

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All component units of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) alternated in holding their 1949 Summer maneuvers at the WERDER-MARKENDORF troop training grounds between June and September 1949 (the troop training grounds had been established in the Spring of 1949). It is assumed that the units practicing in this area also participated in the large-scale Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) maneuvers which were presumably conducted in the JUSTERBOG-LUCKENWALDE area in October 1949.

1 Annex: Soviet Troop Training Grounds near WERDER.

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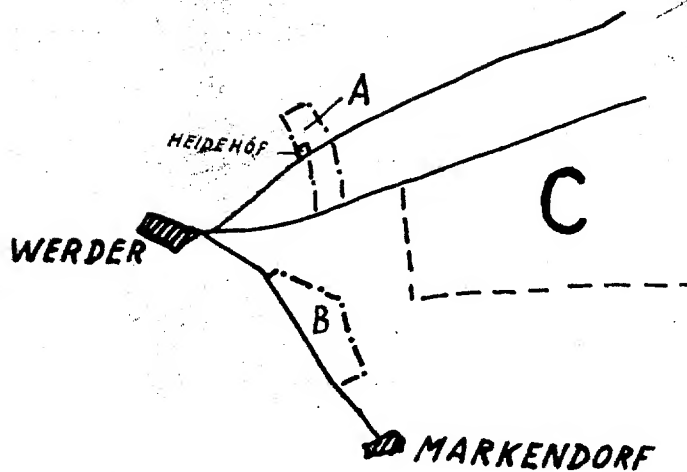
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Soviet ~~Grounds~~ near WERDER

Legend:

- A Troop cantonment
- B Troop cantonment
- C New range



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